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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT THE UNGA

REF: STATE 236134; USUN 5332

1. AFTER COORDINATING WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL A INSTRUCTIONS, I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER KARKI DECEMBER 4 TO URGE GON TO SUPPORT DEFERRAL OF KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE. I REITERATED TO KARKI THAT ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE, THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN USG POSITION. WE REGARDED PROPOSAL TO SEAT SIHANOUK AS UNJUSTIFIED INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATE AND AS PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD BE EXTREMELY DAMAGING FOR MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY NEPAL. I ADDED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT VARIOUS NON-COMMITTED COUNTRIES WERE LIKELY TO INTRODUCE PROPOSAL TO DEFER ISSUE UNTIL 29TH UNGA. USG HOPED GON WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT SUCH DEFERRAL IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE IMPACT OF THIS CONTROVERSIAL AND DEVISIVE ISSUE IN UN.

2. IN RESPONSE, KARKI STATED THAT GON' S DECISION ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE HAD BEEN REACHED AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND IN CONTEXT OF NEPAL'S NEED TO AVOID ISOLATION IN NON-ALIGNED GROUP.

LATER IN CONVERSATION, HE IMPLIED THAT NEPAL HAD BEEN SUBJECTED

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TO CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE (PRESUMABLY CHINESE) ON EVE OF KING'S VISIT

TO CHINA AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN EQUALLY IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION FOR GON. WITHOUT GIVING ASSURANCE THAT NEPAL WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF DEFERRAL, HE SAID GON WOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO USG VIEWS.

3. IN ADDITION TO MY CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, DCM HAS INFORMED PALACE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR THAPA AND MFA JOINT SECRETARY UN AFFAIRS BHATT OF US POSITION. BOTH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND THAPA INDICATED HE WOULD CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO HIS MAJESTY.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN NEPAL'S FEAR OF ISOLATION AND APPARENT PRES-SURES TO WHICH IT HAS BEEN SUBJECTED ON THIS ISSUE, IT IS MY JUDGMENT THAT NEPAL WILL VOTE FOR DEFERRAL IF IT IS PURSUADED THAT SUCH A PROCEDURAL MOVE COMMENDS ITSELF TO OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. TO DEGREE THAT WE CAN CONVINCE NEPALESE DELEGATION THAT THIS IS IN FACT THE CASE, PROPECTS FOR NEPALESE VOTE FOR DEFERRAL WILL BE ENHANCED.
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